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Ludwig's "A tempting taste of mystery" (Book Review)

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Award-winning author Elizabeth Ludwig is one of several writers of cozy mysteries who have contributed to Guideposts’ *Sugarcreek Amish Mysteries* series. The series takes place in the town of Sugarcreek, Ohio and features an interesting mix of Amish and non-Amish (Englisher) characters, while telling intriguing stories about friends from different backgrounds who work together to help their community. While each novel in the series features the same main characters and sometimes mentions events that took place in previous books, each book stands alone, and it is not necessary to have read the earlier books in order to enjoy the current one.

In *A tempting taste of mystery*, number 23 in the series, Cheryl Cooper, an Englisher engaged to an Amish man, and her friend and future mother-in-law Naomi Miller are involved in solving a mystery revolving around a pie contest that is disrupted by a series of suspicious “accidents.” At the same time that they are trying to solve the mystery, Cheryl and her fiancé Levi must figure out how to reconcile their different ways of life as they prepare to tell his parents about their engagement.

The book has something for almost everyone: mystery, Christian values, and even a little romance. Those who enjoy the genre of Amish fiction will appreciate the way in which the interactions between Cheryl and her friends highlight the similarities as well as the differences between the Amish and other Christians. As an added bonus, the book even includes a recipe for one of the prize-winning pies! This would be a welcome addition to any collection of popular Christian fiction.

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